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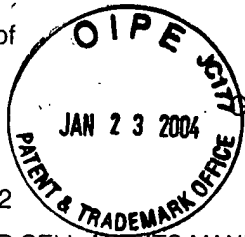
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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- ☐ 7. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action and Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a) The required Statement made in item 9 below; or
- ☐ b) The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 10 below.
- ☒ 8. 37 CFR §1.97(d): [before issue fee payment]; and
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- ☒ b) The required Statement is stated in item 9 below.
- ☒ 9. Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)
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Respectfully submitted,

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